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1. SECULO EDITORIAL MARCH 25 BY-LINED URBANO TAVARES RODRIGUES STATES ELP VERY PROBABLY USED BY CIA TO EXTENT THAT MOVEMENT FURTHERS IMPERIALISM.

2. SEPARATE FULL PAGE ARTICLE, SAME PAPER AND DATE, REPEATS SECULO REPORT PUBLISHED MARCH 24 (REFTEL) AND INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPH SOME ELP MEMBERS ARRESTED AND DOCUMENT SAID TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BE CASTOR'S PLAN TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM ROCHA.

3. REFERRING TO POSSIBLE ELP INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES, SAME ARTICLE INCLUDES COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INFORMATION RUI MONTES REGARDING SECDEF SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT ON U.S. EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SCHLESINGER STATEMENT EXPLAINED IN TERMS THAT "THE AMERICANS WERE HAVING SUCCESSIVE FAILURES IN THE FAR AND MIDDLE EAST AND WOULD THEREFORE TURN IN FORCE TO EUROPE." MONTES SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD VERY WELL THAT U.S. DID NOT HAVE MUCH UNDERSTANDING OF PRESENT PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SITUATION AND THAT PORTUGAL, IN TURN, DID NOT HAVE MUCH UNDERSTANDING FOR U.S. POLICIES BUT ADDED THAT U.S. IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN.

4. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, MARCH 25, GAVE REUTERS AS SOURCE OF REPORT THAT PERSONS CLAIMING TO REPRESENT ELP ARE COLLECTING FUNDS IN MADRID. ACCORDING DN, REUTERS TELEGRAM STATES PORTUGUESE EXILES CONFIRM HAVING BEEN CONTACTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ELP. SAME ARTICLE STATES EXILES ADVISE ELP INVOLVED IN ANTI-LEFTIST RADIO CAMPAIGN ALONG PORTUGUESE BORDER.

5. IN SAME CONTEXT, DN MENTIONS CLOSING OF TECNOMOTOR COMPANY IN MADRID. COMPANY CLOSING RELATED AT PRESS CONFERENCE BY OPORTO CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL EURICO CORVACHO AS BEING POSSIBLE ELP HEADQUARTERS. ARTICLE NOTES COMPANY LOCATED IN AREA WHERE MANY AMERICANS LIVE. MARIANO INC. ALSO MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE ELP HEADQUARTERS. CITING AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, ARTICLE LATER SAYS BOTH COMPANIES DENY SERVING AS ELP HEADQUARTERS. DN GOES ON TO SAY TECNOMOTOR EMPLOYED HUGO CASTOR FRANKLIN.
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